



**MAIL STOP AF  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2100**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. Granik et al. Attorney Docket No.: MEGC117332  
Application No.: 09/898,431 Art Unit: 2123 / Confirmation No.: 1914  
Filed: July 2, 2001 Examiner: T.H. Stevens  
Title: METHOD OF COMPENSATING FOR ETCH EFFECTS IN  
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC PROCESSING

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE  
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116/  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 2, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response to an Office Action in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required.

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 2, 2005, set to expire on November 2, 2005, be extended by 1 month, to expire on December 2, 2005. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$120.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 167540 in the amount of \$120 to cover the required fee for the request for extension of time.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

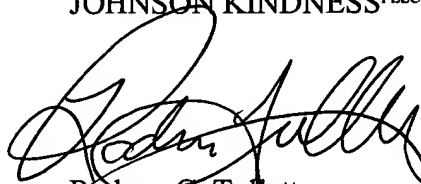
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

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